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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT OF STATE MAY 26 PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT DAILY  
PRESS BRIEFING OF MAY 26 FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Q: IN TODAY'S NEWS CONFERENCE THE PRESIDENT SAID "I KNOW  
OF NO CASE WHERE ANDY YOUNG HAS VIOLATED OUR POLICY." IF  
THIS IS THE CASE, WHY HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN  
MORE THAN ONCE STATED THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENTS  
DO NOT REPRESENT U.S. POLICY?

A: I THINK WHAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SAYING WAS THAT THE  
AMBASSADOR HAS NOT EXCEEDED THE LIMITS THE PRESIDENT HAS  
PUT ON HIM.

Q: HOW WOULD AN AMBASSADOR, HOW COULD AN AMBASSADOR VIO-  
LATE THE POLICY?

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A: I CAN SPECULATE ON WAYS AN AMBASSADOR CAN VIOLATE  
POLICY, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S VERY USEFUL FOR ME TO DO  
IT.

Q: CAN YOU JUST GIVE US ONE EXAMPLE?

A: I SUPPOSE THAT IF AN AMBASSADOR WERE TO COME OUT AND

CALL THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES A CRIMINAL AND A THIEF, OR IF HE WERE TO GO OUT AND DIRECTLY, WITH NO QUALIFICATION, REPUDIATE POLICY, THAT WOULD VIOLATE IT.

Q: HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT YET ADAPTED ITSELF TO THE ANDY YOUNG CUBAN-ETHIOPIAN EXPEDITION ACCEPTANCE?

A: ANDY MADE A NUMBER OF REMARKS ABOUT THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA. I AM NOT PREPARED TO SAY THERE IS A BASIC DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN WHAT HE SAID AND WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY. AS THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID THIS MORNING ON THE "TODAY" SHOW, IT'S HARD TO DISAGREE WITH A THESIS THAT IF THE CUBANS WERE SOMEHOW TO PREVENT A GREATER BLOODSHED IN ETHIOPIA, THIS WOULD BE USEFUL. HOWEVER, I WANT TO ADD, AS THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID AND AS THE PRESIDENT SAID AS RECENTLY AS HIS SPEECH AT NOTRE DAME, THAT THE

PRESENCE OF OUTSIDE FORCES IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE INTERESTS OF AFRICA BY THE UNITED STATES.

WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY, IN ANY CASE, WAS THAT THE PROSPECTIVE, SPECULATED ABOUT, ARRIVAL OF A LARGE NUMBER OF CUBAN TROOPS WOULD BE REGARDED AS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER.

Q: WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A LARGE NUMBER?

A: WELL, YESTERDAY WE WERE TALKING IN THE CONTEXT OF FOUR OR FIVE HUNDRED. I THINK ANDY WAS ENGAGING IN A UNCLASSIFIED

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PHILOSOPHICAL EXERCISE AS OPPOSED TO A POLICY STATEMENT.

Q: I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN SAY THERE IS NO BASIS OF DISAGREEMENT WHEN THE AMBASSADOR LOOKED ALMOST WITH FAVOR UPON THE PRESENCE OF CUBANS IN ETHIOPIA AS A RATIONAL FORCE; AND YOU ARE NOW SAYING, AS YOU HAVE SAID MANY TIMES, THAT OUTSIDE FORCES -- I SUPPOSE INCLUDING THE CUBANS -- ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE INTERESTS OF AFRICA BY THE UNITED STATES.

A: WHAT HE SAID WAS, "I THINK MAYBE THE CUBANS MIGHT BE A LITTLE MORE RATIONAL THAN THE ETHIOPIANS." THAT'S A QUOTATION. "IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THEY ADVISE," SPEAKING OF ADVISERS. "IF CUBAN ADVISERS CAN STOP THE KILLING IT MIGHT BE A VERY GOOD THING. IF CUBAN ADVISERS ESCALATE THE KILLING IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE."

THAT'S HIS STATEMENT OF GENERAL BELIEF. THE POLICY WHICH IS ENUNCIATED REMAINS WHAT THE PRESIDENT AND

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE HAVE STATED INSOFAR AS THAT PRESENCE WAS CONCERNED.

Q: I'M STILL HAVING PROBLEMS. HOW DO THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS FIT INTO THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF AMERICAN, CARTER ADMINISTRATION, POLICY CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF CUBANS IN ETHIOPIA OR IN AFRICA GENERALLY?

A: WELL, THE FRAMEWORK, I THINK, IS CLEAR, WHICH IS THAT WE DO NOT APPROVE THE USE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN AFRICA.

I THINK HE IS ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT USE THEY MIGHT IN FACT BE PUT TO IN ETHIOPIA.

Q: HE IS SAYING THAT HE APPROVES OF THE FOREIGN PRESENCE IF IT MEETS HIS PHILOSOPHICAL GOAL.

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A: A WORD THAT YOU ARE GOING TO DRAW OUT OF THIS IS NOT A WORD THAT HE USED, WHICH IS "APPROVES THE PRESENCE." WHAT HE SAID WAS, "I GUESS IF THEY ARE THERE AND THEY DON'T--"

Q: HE SAID IT DEPENDS ON THE USE THEY ARE MADE OF AND THAT INDICATES THAT HE COULD APPROVE OF THEM.

A: WHAT HE SAID WAS IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THEY ADVISE.

Q: OKAY, BUT THAT MEANS THAT THERE IS AN AREA WHERE HE COULD APPROVE OF THEM.

A: YES, BUT I THINK THAT IN TRYING TO DELINEATE WHAT THE AMBASSADOR MEANS IT'S BETTER TO ASK THE AMBASSADOR, WHICH YOU'RE SOON GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE TO DO, AS OPPOSED TO ASKING ME WHO WASN'T THERE AND DOESN'T KNOW.

Q: HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY PROTEST FROM THE SWEDES ABOUT HIS REMARKS ABOUT RACISM IN SWEDEN; OR DO YOU KNOW IN FACT WHETHER OR NOT THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS LODGED A PROTEST THERE ABOUT THOSE REMARKS?

A: I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT WHATSOEVER.

Q: HAVE THE RUSSIANS SAID ANYTHING?

A: TO MY KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVEN'T.

Q: BACK ON THE ETHIOPIA THING. SINCE THERE HAS BEEN SOMETHING OF A DIPLOMATIC REVOLUTION THERE, IN THE PAST

I THINK THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS STATED IT SUPPORTS THE  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA. THESE CUBAN FORCES,  
IF THEY COME IN PRESUMABLY WOULD BE USED IN A DRIVE  
AGAINST THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT. WHAT IS THE CURRENT  
U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE SECESSIONIST POLICY OF THE ERITREAN  
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LIBERATION FRONT?

A: I COULD PULL ONE OUT OF MY EAR WHICH I THINK WOULD BE  
RIGHT, BUT I WOULD RATHER POST IT.

Q: AND A FOOTNOTE TO THAT QUESTION. WOULD THAT POLICY BE  
ONE OF THE THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DECIDING WHETHER  
OR NOT TO SEND WEAPONS TO THE SUDAN?

A: I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET AN ANSWER TO THAT.

Q: I WOULD LIKE TO ADD A FOOTNOTE TO THE FOOTNOTE SINCE  
YOU ARE RESPONDING TO THE SAME SET OF QUESTIONS AS THEY  
REFER TO THE OGADEN REGION IN EASTERN ETHIOPIA.

A: I'LL TRY TO GET A RESTATEMENT ON POLICY, WHICH I'LL  
POST.

Q: DOES THE SECRETARY OF STATE BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENSE  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA,  
ZAMBIA, AND TANZANIA HAS BEEN SUCH AS TO DESERVE A HUNDRED  
MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS, OR IS HUMAN RIGHTS IN  
THESE CASES A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION AS IN THE PROVI-  
SION OF EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AND NON-LETHAL MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT TO ZAIRE?

A: YOU ARE REFERRING AT THIS POINT TO THE MONEY WHICH IS  
PROCEEDING PERHAPS THROUGH THE HOUSE AT THIS POINT?

Q: YES

A: THE BILL INCLUDES SEPARATE LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD ALLOW  
THE PRESIDENT TO DEVELOP AND SUPPORT A SPECIAL FUND TO  
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE UNDER THE NEW  
GOVERNMENT IN ZIMBABWE. ITS BASIC DESIGN IS TO ASSIST  
IN RESTRUCTURING THAT COUNTRY'S ECONOMY AND TO BRING  
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ABOUT RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

I DO NOT HAVE A HUMAN RIGHTS COMPONENT IN ANYTHING I

HAVE IN FRONT OF ME. I THINK THAT THE GENERAL NOTION IS  
TO TRY TO ASSIST IN A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES  
IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD.

Q: SINCE WE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, STILL DON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE  
ANGOLA, WHY ARE WE GIVING THEM PART OF THIS HUNDRED MILLION  
DOLLARS?

MY BASIC QUESTION IS DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT FEEL  
THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE  
DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS?

A: YOU'RE GETTING ME WAY DOWN THE PROSPECTIVE PATH. WE  
AREN'T IN A POSITION OF GIVING ANY MONEY' WE'RE NOT IN  
A POSITION OF HAVING ANY MONEY; WE'RE NOT IN A POSITION OF  
HAVING TO MAKE THAT KIND OF A JUDGMENT SINCE WE DON'T HAVE  
ANY KIND OF RELATIONS WITH THEM. SO I AM GOING TO STOP  
RIGHT HERE AND SAY THAT I'LL BE HAPPY TO DEAL WITH THAT  
QUESTION AT THE TIME THAT IT ARISES, BUT I DO NOT SEE IT  
ARISING ANY TIME SOON IN RELATION TO ANGOLA.  
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